

Analysis of Hands May 3rd 2021

Bd 1:

♠54
Dlr: North ♥J3 Optimum
Vul: None ♦J3 NS 3C; +110
♣AJ107652

♠KQ102	W	North	E	♠J986
♥A876	e	1	s	♥K94
♦Q94	s		t	♦1076
♣Q9	t	South		♣K83

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N will open 3C and it will go P, P around to West. He will protect with a takeout double and East will bid 3S and that is the end of the auction. West's takeout double is on minimum values, really only an 11 count. (CQ poor) If I had those cards in the East seat I definitely would not double immediately after the 3C opening. However in the West seat you know South has limited values when he did not respond to 3C. I saw players bidding on to 4S and definitely South should double that and in addition no way should North ever come back in to bid 4C or 5C. Once you have pre-empted you have shown your hand and you don't have to show it a second time. Clubs makes 9 tricks once you finesse the 10 on the first round. The A later drops the Q.

Bd 2:

♠9532
Dlr: East ♥Q10962 Optimum
Vul: N/S ♦5 EW 4Dx; +100
♣872

♠74	W	North	E	♠J86
♥A84	e	2	s	♥K7
♦Q9874	s		t	♦KJ103
♣Q43	t	South		♣KJ109

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East will open 1NT most likely and South will double showing 16+ and West will bid 2D natural after the double. North should pass and East pass and back to South who again will double showing extras and it is for takeout but not the ideal distribution. North will bid 2H. Now East knows 9 cards (**Law of Total tricks**) and the points are about 50:50 so most likely

will bid 3D non vul. South should pass this as he knows North is very weak as he did not freely bid 2H over the 2D bid of West.

Bd 4:

Dlr: West ♠765
 Vul: All ♥-- Optimum
 ♦QJ1097 EW 3N+2; -660
 ♣Q10972

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♥543		♥AJ62						
♦65	♦AK8							
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2NT opened by East and West transfers to 3S and then bids 3NT saying the West hand has only 5 spades. East will Pass. On the run of the Spades while all are discarding it is important that South discards a low D early to show he has an odd number and now North will know he has to keep 4 clubs depending on what East discards.

Bd 5:

Dlr: North ♠AQ42
 Vul: N/S ♥9 Optimum
 ♦AJ1062 EW 5Sx; +300
 ♣K74

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West			South					
♥Q6		♥AK7						
♦4	♦875							
♣A10986		♣Q52						

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Once again I saw East making a takeout double of 1D. This is a poor takeout double holding only one 4 card suit and a 13 count. **(You do not have two 4 card suits to make a takeout double on a minimum hand. This a must!)** You get lucky because East bids 2S over a bid of 2H or 2D by South. I saw South now bid 3D and now it went Pass, Pass and I saw East coming back in again and bid 3S. This is so wrong as it is a minimum takeout double hand on a hand that was not even suitable for a takeout double. If E/W are to bid 3S it is West who has 10 black cards and a singleton and an A. So West should probably bid 3S after 3D. If N is playing in diamonds the first thing N should do is to lead the H9. Then enter dummy twice

via the D9 and the D Q to ruff out the hearts. You set up the heart tricks in dummy and make 11 tricks. Do not attempt to cross ruff except once to enter dummy to run the hearts.

Bd 7:

Dlr: South ♠93
 Vul: All ♥KQJ9 Optimum
 ♦KJ7 EW 4S; -620
 ♣Q863

♠10852	West North 7 South East	♠KQJ4
♥A62		♥1054
♦6		♦AQ1093
♣A10975		♣4

12	♠A76	♣♦♥♠N
8	♥873	N - - - -
12	♦8542	S - - - -
8	♣KJ2	E 1 3 2 4 1
		W 1 3 2 4 1

If N opens 1NT unless East has a bid to show D and S he should not bid 2D vulnerable. If defending 1NT it is best to lead SK. This should get the defence 3 spade tricks, 2 diamond tricks and CA and HA to defeat it by 1 trick.

Bd 9:

Dlr: North ♠76
 Vul: E/W ♥K732 Optimum
 ♦AK82 EW 2S; -110
 ♣1065

♠AK10	West North 9 South East	♠J842
♥985		♥Q10
♦95		♦QJ1073
♣AKQJ4		♣98

10	♠Q953	♣♦♥♠N
17	♥AJ64	N - - 1 - -
6	♦64	S - - 1 - -
7	♣732	E 1 2 - 2 1
		W 1 2 - 2 1

Bidding should be 1C(W) – 1D(E) – 1NT(W) (Showing 15/17). I see loads of tables in 2NT going down and 3C going down. This tells me that people jumped to 2NT on the rebid with this 17 count and others jumped to 3C with this 5 card suit on their rebid. A jump rebid to 3C after opening 1C should show 6 clubs. How did some N/S get to play in hearts? Neither N or S have a hand on which to make a bid.

Bd 10:

Dlr: East ♠K42
 Vul: All ♥103 Optimum
 ♦63 E 4S; -620
 ♣AJ10965

♠QJ10853	North 10 South	East 10 West	♠A97
♥62			♥KJ
♦A87			♦KQJ4
♣83			♣KQ74

8	♠6	♣♦♥♠N
7	♥AQ98754	N - - 2 - -
19	♦10952	S - - 2 - -
6	♣2	E 1 2 - 4 -
		W 1 2 - 3 -

East will open 1C, South probably overcalls 3H and West will bid 3S forcing but in truth he should pass as he only has a 7 count. East will raise 3S to 4S. If West passed 3H then East will reopen with a double showing extras and West probably should jump to 4S. The lead of the H10 from H103 in North hand beats it. Having taken the two heart tricks South can now switch to singleton club and also get the club ruff. This cannot happen if East is playing the hand. But 4S can only make from East. Around the world some people use 2NT opening as 19/20. This might get you to 4S played by East. South will lead a singleton club and even if South gets the club ruff it cannot be beaten.

Bd 11:

Dlr: South ♠432
 Vul: None ♥KQ1062 Optimum
 ♦K65 EW 4S+1; -450
 ♣65

♠K109	North 11 South	East 11 West	♠AJ875
♥9			♥J754
♦AQ10984			♦3
♣K108			♣J94

8	♠Q6	♣♦♥♠N
12	♥A83	N - - 1 - -
7	♦J72	S - - 1 - -
13	♣AQ732	E - 3 - 5 -
		W - 3 - 5 -

South should open 1NT. If W has a natural 2D available he should bid it. I suspect most do not have that bid available. North will transfer to 2H, East will pass, South bids 2H, and it goes Pass, Pass and back to East who will bid 2S in the Passout position. West might well bid

3S but he knows East has limited values when he did not bid 2S directly over the transfer bid of 2D. East knows now that partner has values when he balances with 2S. With both CAQ right and the Diamonds dividing 3/3 it is easy to make 10 or 11 tricks.

Bd 13:

Dir: North A87
 Vul: All AQ87 AK864 K
 Optimum
 NS 2H+1; +140

KJ96	W North E e 13 s t South t	Q4
1052		K63
105		J97
Q932		A10876

20	10532	N N - 3 3 1 1 S - 3 3 1 1 E 2 - - - - W 2 - - - -
6	J94	
10	Q32	
4	J54	

Should be played in 1D and nothing else. East does not have a 2C overall. Even if it was a suit that you could overcall at the 1 level it is a poor hand.

Bd 16:

Dir: West 85
 Vul: E/W A9 QJ105 A7432
 Optimum
 EW 7Sx; +1100

AQJ1072	W North E e 16 s t South t	K9643
J5		7643
6		984
Q1098		5

11	KQ1082	N N 5 7 6 - 1 S 5 7 6 - 1 E - - - 3 - W - - - 3 -
10	AK732	
3	KJ6	
16		

This score sheet was poor. Not one pair played in Diamonds. I don't know if West opened 1S or 2S. If W opened 2S, (People in the club generally open weak 2's on 10 counts I notice, so I would say it was the most common opening. 1S is good because you are 6/4 and good suits. On some 10's I would definitely open weak 2's). After 2S South should bid 4D over the weak two which is **Leaping Michaels showing 5 of that Minor plus 5 cards in the other Major. (At least 5/5 and a good hand)**. Now North has a raise to 5D but has a good hand and rather than bid 5D he should cue bid 5C showing interest in slam. Now South will go to

6D. (If perchance N had H support rather than D he would convert to 6H). I didn't see one D result on the sheet. In addition I saw someone made 6C and someone made 5C + 1 where you have two club losers. How could that happen? Say South leads CJ West with Q1098 just cover with the Q and this gets two tricks from the 1098. I cannot see any other way. In addition someone doubled 5C. They get their two club tricks and two spades are ruffed in South hand. That's it. It is cold too. Why would you double a contract of 5C when there is 6D on?

Bd 18:

♠65
 Dlr: East ♥104 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦109732 E 4H+1; -450
 ♣K965

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You will always make 4S if you attempt to ruff a club in dummy. Worst lead you can get is a trump. You play a club and they will come another trump. You win. Cash your HKQ and ruff the club. Now you can discard one club on HA and South cannot ruff because he has three hearts and North has none left. You then lead another heart and throw your last club and South will ruff. In all you lose one club, one ruff and DA.

Bd 19:

♠KJ6
 Dlr: South ♥A42 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♦7432 E 3N+1; -630
 ♣Q54

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1C(E) – 1H(S) (minimum) - 1S(W) (promises 5 since it was 1H that was overcalled and not 1D) – 2H(N) – 2S (E) – Pass (South) – Pass (West) – Pass (N). Now I see some N/S pairs bid

on to 3H. **This is so wrong. South Passed 2S saying the hand was minimum. North consequently should not bid again. Remember the law of total tricks. If you have 8 cards between you in a partscore hand then the 2 level is the maximum to which you should bid.** Certainly if I had the West hand and 3H came around to me when holding a singleton C after partner opened 1C and 4 good hearts I would be doubling 3H. Note East can make 2H (8mtricks in hearts) and N/S were bidding to make 9 tricks in hearts. Why?

Bd 21:

Dlr: North ♠QJ5
 Vul: N/S ♥K9762 Optimum
 ♦94 EW 3N; -400
 ♣J109

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♦J832	♦AK7													
♣KQ84	♣A75													

7	♠K1098	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥QJ	N
15	♦Q1065	S
8	♣632	E
		W

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Why are so many not in 3NT E/W. 1C (E) – 1D(W) – 1NT(E = 15/17) – West holds 10hcp. Why does he not automatically bid 3NT? There is no other bid on the hand. 9 tricks available 3 diamonds, 4 clubs and two Aces. Play AK and another D first before you play on clubs.

Bd 22:

Dlr: East ♠A832
 Vul: E/W ♥982 Optimum
 ♦954 NS 4H; +420
 ♣1076

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4	♠K7	♣♦♥♠N
11	♥AKQJ6	N
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23	♣AQJ5	E
		W

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I would open 2C and rebid 2NT showing 23/24 because I have stoppers in all the suits. North probably might try Stayman and I will show 4 hearts but we will end in 3NT. The important thing is when you win with the SA on the table lead the C10 if you are in 3NT and you will end up making 10 tricks. In 4H if you get SQ lead win with SK in South. Draw trumps, cross

to SA and lead C10. Now you will make 10 tricks too. I see some went off because they played C10 before they drew trumps and they ran into club ruffs.

Bd 23:

Dlr: South ♠AJ643 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥A98 NS 4S; +620
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 ♣J1032

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N	4	-	-	4	-																															
S	4	-	-	4	-																															
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W	-	1	1	-	-																															

If it goes P,P,P – 1H(E) – P(S) – 1NT(W) – P(N) – 2H(E) – P(S) – P(W) – N?. Now North should balance with 2S. He knows E has 6 hearts and he knows West does not have 4 spades so the odds are on South having spades too and points as E/W could not rise above 2H. I suspect some N players opened 1S but they will not go above 3S. The CK being right and the SKQ being doubleton is what lets 4S make.